

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Jean R. Olivier is deputy manager of the Observatory Projects Office. He was appointed to this position in February 1988 after serving 14 years as chief engineer for the Hubble Space Telescope Project. He, in concert with the Manager of the Observatory Projects Office, manages and coordinates project planning, budgeting, scheduling, engineering design and development, testing and evaluation of the Advanced X-ray Astrophysics Facility (AXAF) program and systems, including support equipment and facilities required.

Mr. Olivier was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on March 18, 1934. He graduated from George S. Gardner High School, Laurel, Mississippi in 1952. Olivier received a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Mississippi State University in 1956. Following his graduation, he joined the Chrysler Corporation and received the degree of master of automotive engineering from the Chrysler Institute of Engineering in 1958.

Mr. Olivier joined NASA in 1964 as a senior project engineer with the John F. Kennedy Space Center. In 1965, he transferred to MSFC's Future Projects Office, Research and Development Operations, and served in several progressively responsible positions. In March 1969, he was selected chief of the Astronomy Group in the Mission and Payload Planning Office within the Program Development Directorate. In June 1974, Olivier became chief engineer of the Hubble Space Telescope Project and held that position until assuming his current position.

He and his wife, the former Carolyn Johnson of Laurel, Mississippi, live in Huntsville, Alabama, and have three children, Stephen, Susan and David.

The Marshall Space Flight Center has a leading role in the space program. During the sixties and early seventies, the Center was best known for developing Saturn launch vehicles and lunar roving vehicles for the Apollo program and for Skylab, the first U.S. space station. The Center also has developed scientific satellites such as the Hubble Space Telescope which have returned a wealth of data in astronomy, astrophysics, and other disciplines.

Currently, the Marshall Center is responsible for a wide variety of NASA projects ranging from production of the propulsion elements of the Space Shuttle to management of Spacelab Earth-orbital missions and other Shuttle payloads. The Center has

a substantial role in the development of Space Station Freedom, a permanent manned facility to be in orbit in the 1990s. The Marshall Center is also leading NASA's effort to define the next generation of heavy-lift launch vehicles.

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